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Minutes

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTH

ANNUAL SESSION

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Roaring River

Primitive Baptist Associaton

Held with the Church at

CROSS ROADS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
September 21, 22, 23,

1951

The next session appointed to be held with the Church at Reddies River, 10 miles north of North Wilkesboro, on N. C. Highway 16, then 2 miles on old No. 16. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1952.

OFFICERS

ELDER C. D. HALL ..... Moderator
ELDER A. T. WHITTINGTON ..... Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, September 21, 1951.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall, text Rev. 22:13.

2. After one hour intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house, and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder G. L. Flippins, correspondent from Fisher's River Association.

3. Read and received letters from Reddies River, Woodruff, Double Creek, Mulberry, Cross Roads, and Meadow Fork.

4. On motion we elected Moderator and Clerk by private ballott.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator, and A. T, Whittington, Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion, we omit reading the Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

8. On motion, the Moderator to make all temporary appointments for this session.

9. Called for correspondence. The following came forward, and were received:

Abbott's Creek: Elders Walter C. McMellon, L. G. Cashion, D. P. Broadway.

Fisher's River: Elder G. L. Flippins.

Mountain: Elders Coy Roberts and Coy Walker.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. R. Dancy.

Upper Mayo: Elder J. W. Tuttle.

Senter: Deacon R. L. Speaks, Brother Felix Bare, and F. F. Miller.

Washington: Elder L. E. Whitt.

10. Called for visiting brethren and sisters. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek: Brother C. R. Helms, J. L. Coble, Mrs. Coble and Mrs. Broadway.

Fisher's River: Brother S. M. Flippins, Mrs. S. C. Mosley, Brother O. W. Sisk, S. C. Mosley, F. P. Stone, L. T. Flippins, G. J. Key and wife.

Mountain: Kile Roberts, Mrs. Lon M. Reeves, J. T. Posley and wife L. E. Coricly and wife.

Senter: Deacon G. E. Kilby and wife, Deacon F. G. Weaver and wife, Deacon P. T. McNeil, Brother Alvin Dancy, Margaret Cochram.

Upper Mayo: Mrs. J. W. Tuttle, Elder J. W. Brown, Elders J. A. Simmons, Elder M. H. Vaden, Mrs. J. A. Simmons, Sister Essia Fay, Mrs. M. H. Vaden, Brother A. J. Bennit and wife.

Indian Creek: Elder L. D. Hatcher, Brother E. W. Hatcher, J. L. Hatcher, Deacon W. A. Davidson and wife.

11. On motion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors, and seat them.

12. Called on correspondents who were to go to sister Associations

to report. They reported, and those who failed to go were excused.

13. Called for volunteers to go to sister Associations. The following responded:

Abbott's Creek: To be held with the Church at Abbott's Creek, 12 miles south of Winston-Salem, on the High Point highway, then 2 miles to the right. Elder A. T. Whittington and Brother D. L. Church.

Fisher's River: To be held with the Church at Stony Creek, 6 miles south of Mt. Airy, on U. S. 52. Deacon W. C. Hall, Brother Troy Miller.

Mountain: To be held with the Church at Union, 4 miles south of Sparta, N. C., on N. C. highway 18. Deacon Foscoe Pruitt, Deacon C. E. Estep, Deacon J. F. Coffee.

Senter: To be held with the Church at Senter, 5 miles from Jefferson, on the Sparta highway, U. S. 221. Deacon Foscoe Pruitt, Brother C. S. Francis.

St. Clair's Bottom: To be held with the Church at Rush Creek. Elder A. T. Whittington, Deacon W. A. Hall.

Upper Mayo: To be held with the Church at Sandy Level, 15 miles south of Candor, N. C. in Richmond County. Minutes.

Washington: To be held with the Church at Mill Creek, 5 miles south of Richland, Va. Deacons W. C. Hall and J. F. Coffee.

14. The Moderator appointed to the stand today: Elders L. D. Hatcher, M. H. Vaden, W. J. Brown.

15. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church: Brother Carl Francis, Deacon W. C. Hall, Sister Margie Truitt, Deacons C. E. Estep, Foscoe Pruitt.

16. Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows:

Brother Troy Miller, Sister Nettie Brown, Sister Lillie Whittington.

17. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows:

Brothers D. L. Church, D. C. Long, Deacon J. F. Coffee, Sister Ira Shoemake.

18. On motion, we send Mates Creek Association Minutes, and ask for exchange of Minutes.

19. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported: Saturday morning, Elders Coy Roberts, D. P. Broadway, F. P. Stone.

20. On motion, we read the Minutes.

21. On motion, we adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow. Prayer by Elder L. E. Whitt, correspondent from the Washington Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 22, 1951.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Called to order by praise and prayer by Elder L. D. Hatcher, visitor from Indian Creek Association.

1. On motion, called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received, and Committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked those absent.

3. Called on the Clerk to report. Reported work up to date.

4. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Received from all the churches	$85.00
Left over from last year	18.00
Total	$103.00

Allowed Moderator	10.00
Allowed Clerk	10,00
Left in hands of treasurer	50,00
Allowed visiting Elders	33.00
Total	$103.00

5. Called for correspondents who were not here yesterday. The following came forward, and were received:

Abbott's Creek: None.

Fisher's River: Elder J. M. Edwards, Elder J. G. Fulk.

Mountain: Elder C. B. Kilby.

Senter: None.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder H. M. Blevins.

Upper Mayo: None.

Washington: Elders A. R. Singleton, S. S. Walker, G. B. Sutherland.

6. Called for visiting brethren and sisters who were not here yesterday:

Abbott's Creek: Elder Gerney Nance and mother.

Fisher's River: Elder George Berrier, Brother H. B. Thomas, Sister J. G. Fulk, Elder Fletcher Beasley.

Mountain: Brother G. R. Douglas and wife, Brother A. C. McMellon, Sister Alice Douglas, Mrs. C. B. Kilby.

Senter: None.

St. Clair's Bottom: None.

Upper Mayo: Deacon J. F. Lawson.

Washington: Elder N. C. Miller, Brother Kermit Owens.

Indian Creek: Brother G. L. Davis and wife, Lester Barker, Q. C. Taylor, Sister Stella Davis.

7. On motion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents, and visitors, and seat them.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report, who reported for Saturday evening: Elders W. C. McMellon, C. B. Kilby, C. R. Dancy; Saturday night at Church: Elders N. C. Miller, L. E. Whitt, J. B. Sutherand; Saturday night at Sister Lillie Whittington's home: Elds. G. L. Flippins; Sunday: Elders H. M. Blevins, J. W. Tuttle, L. G. Cashion, A. R. Singleton, J. G. Fulk.

9. On motion we received the report of the Preaching Committee, and dismiss them.

10. Motion we have the Obituary of Sister Martha Billings printed in these Minutes.

11. On motion we stand by the ancient landmark set up by Christ, and the apostles, and the old original Articles of Faith of the Roaring River Association as carried in our Minutes.

12. On motion, we appoint A. T. Whittington treasurer and supervise the printing of these Minutes, and to have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. On motion the next Association be held with the Church at Reddies River.

14. On motion we have the Constitution, and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

15. On motion we have the Articles of Faith printed in these Minutes.
16. On motion, we read the Minutes.

17. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies, and thank our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for this session.

18. On motion, we adjourn. Prayer by Elder A. T. Whittington.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator,
ELDER A . T. WHITTINGTON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

Elder L. D. Hatcher, failed to get text.
Elder M. H. Vaden, text Matt. 1:1.
Elder W. J. Brown, failed to get text.

Friday Night:

Elder Coy Walker, no special text.
Elder J. A. Simmons, no special text.

Saturday Morning:

Elder Coy Roberts, failed to get text.
Elder D. P. Broadway, text Rev. 22:17.
Elder F. P. Stone, no special text .

Saturday Evening:

Elder W. C. McMellon, text Rom. 10:17.
Elder C. B. Kilby, text, I go to prepare a place, etc.
Elder C. R. Dancy, text, Acts 14:22.

Saturday Night at Church:

Elder N. C. Miller, failed to get text.
Elder L. E. Whitt, failed to get text.
Elder J. B. Sutherland, failed to get text.

Saturday Night at Sister Lillie Whittington's Home:

Elder G. L. Flippins, text Why callest thou Me good, etc.

Sunday:

Elder H. M. Blevins, Walking about Zion.
Elder J. W. Tuttle, Rom. 8:28.
Elder L. G. Cashion, Matt. 7: 6, 7.
Elder A. R. Singleton, no special text.
Elder J. G. Fulk, no special text.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cross Roads: Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Reddies River: Mrs. W. E. Hester, Reddies River, N. C.
Mulberry: Nora Hall, Hall Mills, N. C.
Woodruff: J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.
Meadow Fork: Mary Hall, Hall Mills, N. C.
Double Creek: Margie Pruitt, Abshers, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, Hall Mills, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

CHURCHES, NUMBER OF MINUTES, AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork—50. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Double Creek—15. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Woodruff—40. Elder C. D. Hall.
Mulberry—50. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Reddies River—30. Elder C. D. Hall.
Cross Roads—40. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
Fisher's River—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C. 30
Senter—W. A. Miller, Clifton, N. C. 15
Mountain—Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C. 30
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va. 15
Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorefield, Star Rt. Walnut Cove, N. C. 30
Washington—M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va. 30
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton W. Va. 30

OBITUARY

Martha Isida Billings, better known to her friends as Aunt Matt, was born December 24, 1866. She fell asleep August 29, 1951. She made her stay on earth 84 years, 8 months, and 5 days. She was married to Eli Billings January 8, 1888, who preceded her in death. To this union were born 3 children, Mary Jane Vannoy of Reddies River, N. C., Trealy Billings of Linch, Ky., and Minnie Coffee at Hays, N. C.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Mulberry and was baptised with the husband, September 1, 1897, where she remained a faithful member as long as health permitted. She died as she lived, in the faith of the Son of God. She leaves 3 children 10 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends to mourn a vacancy in their heart of a loved one gone whose body will wait in the cemetery till the great resurrection then to be raised with all the redeeemed of the Lord and these bodies changed like the body of our Savior, for we shall see Him as He is and be like Him, and live for ever in the praise of the Lord.

By the Mulberry Church.

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letter from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a sectretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James Version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus sanctified and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judg-

ment; and that the joys of the righeous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done sepaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member shall aldress another in any other appellation but "Brother" during the sitting of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of dificulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the moneys by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Received by the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Meeting Days	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Reddies River	A. T. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, Lillie Whittington	June 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	$20.00
Woodruff	Deacon C. E. Estep	July 2	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	12.00
Double Creek	Margie Truitt, Ira Shoemake	July 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.00
Mulberry	W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffee, C. D. Hall	Aug. 1	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	21.00
Meadow Fork	Fosco Pruitt, D. C. Long, Troy Miller	Aug. 2	1	..	..	..	..	..	26	10.00
Cross Roads	Carl Srancis, D. L. Church, Nettie Brown	July 4	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	16.00
	Totals	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	80	$85.00